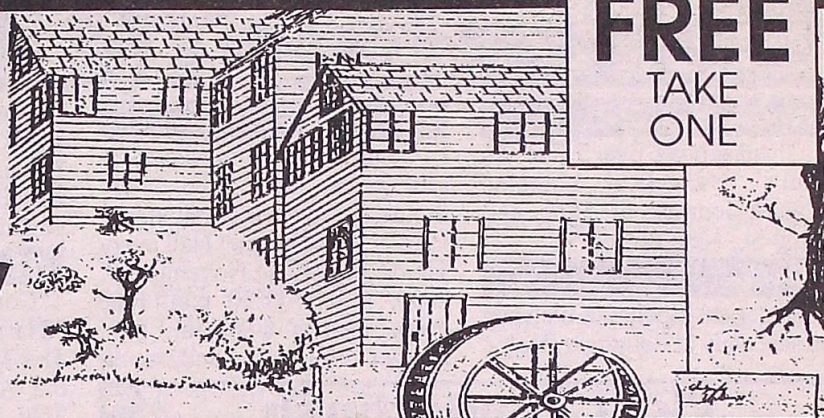


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## MITCHELL PREVAILS OVER GLAAB FOR SUPERVISOR BARRON RETAINS TREASURER'S POST ADKINS TOPS THE FIELD FOR TRUSTEE

by MARGARET O'KELLEY

Forget the drama of the presidential election for a moment — our own Township had some kind of drama and excitement. We had a remarkable election.

A whopping 66-percent (5,831) of the registered voters took advantage of the opportunity to cast their votes after months of endless campaigning by the local candidates.

The supporters of the candidates that were working the polls noticed the turnout was steady and heavy. They also talked to those voters that were leaving the polls and it was clear the voters were angry and determined to change the direction of the Township.

Not only was the voter turnout large, but the final results showed a strong endorsement for the challengers and a strong rejection for those in power. The Republican Supervisor David Glaab was ousted, Democratic Trustee James Mason, who lost in the primary, only garnered 310 write in votes, and Republican Trustee Mike Glaab was ousted by a large margin. In their place the community elected a new Supervisor and three new Trustees.

How did this remarkable event occur? It may have occurred because of the concern over rapid growth that has occurred in the Township. There

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(L-R) NORA ADKINS, JOHN MITCHELL, MARY LOU CAREY, LARRY O'KELLEY, MARLENE KRAUSE.

## The Huron River Weekly CELEBRATES IT'S THIRD ANNIVERSARY

With this issue, *The Weekly* celebrates its third year as the Township's local newspaper.

In our first issue we stated our goal was to provide timely information on our schools and

the school board. We planned on covering the Township government activities and that we

would strive to provide accurate and fair representation of the issues.

We are sure we upset some local politicians from both the

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## NEW VARIETY OF APPLE

Apples, apples, apples! It is almost impossible to count the

number of varieties of apples at South Huron Orchards, but on Halloween weekend a new variety appeared and we named it "The Apple of Charlie's Eye."

Thirty-three of this new apple variety appeared in the second annual Apple Charlie Halloween Talent and

Costume Contest. (We called them contestants.) The local renowned band, Joe Prater and the Huron Valley Boys, provided accompaniment and backup for the performers who demonstrated their talent before an audience of 200.

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# Community Calendar

## November 22

Thanksgiving Eve. 7 p.m. St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, corner of Ellic and Craig St., New Boston.

## Daily

Historical Society Calendars on sale daily at Reining Realty.

## Weekly

Come join the fun, where singles go to meet. The Metro Singles Dance new location is at Crystal Park Banquet Hall every Thurs. beginning November 9, 2000, 8 p.m.-11:30 p.m. Free dance lessons 8-9 p.m., D.J., Budget Bar, 21 and over,

refreshments. Dressy attire (no jeans please), admission \$6. Hotline (313) 438-6258. Crystal Park Banquet Hall, 17099 Champaign, Allen Park, MI 48101.

## Monthly Meetings

Concerned Citizens Coalition (C3) meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at the American Legion Hall at 7:30 p.m. Call 753-4838 for additional information.

HAA monthly meetings are held the second Tues. each month at 7:30 p.m. at Krzyske Community Center. All monthly meetings are open to the public.

M.O.P.S. (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers) meet the second and fourth Tues. of each month at St. John's Lutheran Church in Waltz from 9-11 a.m. There is child

care available. Come for rest, support, crafts, and affirmation. For mothers of infants through kindergarten-age children. 783-3669.

Recreation Committee meets the first Tues. of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Huron Township Hall.

VanBuren, Belleville, Sumpter Democratic Club holds its meetings the fourth Thurs. of each month at 7 p.m. at Lakeview Printing, 70 Davis St., Belleville.

Huron Athletic Boosters will meet on the following dates: Nov. 6, 7 p.m.; Dec. 5, 6 p.m.; Jan. 9, 7 p.m.; Feb. 5, 6 p.m.; Mar. 7, 7 p.m.; April 10, 7 p.m.; May 1, 6 p.m. Meetings are held at Huron High School, Room 134. Call 654-3781 for info.

V.F.W. Post 6040 meets the third Tues. of each month at the Krzyske Center in Waltz, 7 p.m.

## Township Meetings

Board of Trustees meet second Wed. of the month at 7:00 at the Krzyske Center in Waltz.

Planning Commission meets the second Mon. of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Krzyske Center.

Zoning Board of Appeals meets the first Mon. of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Krzyske Center.

Historical Society meets the third Wed. of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Historical House.

Historical Comm. meets the second Thurs. of each month at the Samuel Adams House at 6:30 p.m.

Recycling Committee meets the first Thurs. of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Krzyske Center.

Telecommunications Committee meets the last Mon. of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Twp. Hall.

## Senior Citizens Monthly

Huron Township Senior Citizens. Waltz Group: President, Alice McGrew, 753-5954. Meetings: First Tues. noon, sandwich/cards. Third Tues., noon, pot luck and cards. Fifth Tues. 1 p.m., cookies/cards.

New Boston Group: President: Barbara Kreyger, 753-9127. Meetings: First Wed., 12:30 p.m. Third Thurs., 4:30 p.m., pot luck.

Events at Senior Center of Merriman Road: Meals on wheels every day. Hot meals every day 11:30 a.m. Call Linda (Cricket) Thompson at 782-5190. Card party every Monday 12:30 p.m. Trips are offered. Call Francis at 782-2626.

Commodities may be picked up the fourth Tues. between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Mondays and Wednesdays 10 a.m. Senior Exercise Class. p.m., cookies/cards.

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## VEGETARIAN RECIPES

Everyone loves a good chili, but not everyone loves meat.

This is my ultimate vegetable recipe. It is thick and tasty with as much or as little heat as you like.

For any comments or questions please contact me at The Huron River Weekly, Al Fresco, P.O. Box 472, New



Georgette Heron Willoughby

Boston, MI 48164, or FAX 734-753-4417.

## CHILI UN CARNE

- |   |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|
| 1 tbs. Vegetable Oil                    | chopped and seeded          |
| 1/2 cup Onion - diced                   | 1 15 oz. can Tomato Sauce   |
| 1/4 cup green pepper - diced            | 1 15 oz. can Diced Tomatoes |
| 1/4 cup yellow or orange pepper - diced | 1/4 cup red wine            |
| 1 cup portabello mushrooms - diced      | 1-2 tbs. Chili Powder       |
| 1/2 cup carrots - diced                 | 2 tsp. Cumin                |
| 1 15.5 oz. can Kidney Beans             | 1 tsp. Salt                 |
| 1 15.5 oz. can Chili Beans              | 1/2 tsp. Pepper             |
| 1 4 oz. can Green Chilis -              | 1-2 tbs. Hot Pepper Sauce   |
|   | * this recipe is Vegan      |

In a large covered pot, saute onion and peppers in oil, about 2 minutes. Add portabello mushroom and carrots, saute 2 minutes. Add the remaining ingredients, stir to combine well. Cover and simmer 50-60 minutes. Stir occasionally. Pour into bowls and top with a tbs. of chopped chives. If you are not vegan go ahead and top with 1 tbs. each of sour cream, and cheddar cheese. Serves 4

## MICHAEL'S ON THE RIVER

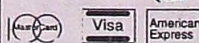
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# HURON PARK CONDOS MYSTERIOUSLY MAKES AGENDA AGAIN

by KIMBERLY BLAKER

After denying approval of Huron Park Condos site plan at the two previous meetings, the item was listed on the agenda again for the October 25 Huron Township Board meeting.

Director of Planning and Zoning Leslie Meyer told the Board that she had spoke to the developer, Carl Petros, regarding the road width and berm issue. Meyer said she also met with representatives from Hennessey Engineering and McKenna and Associates.

According to Meyer the road was measured from back of curb to back of curb in 10 to 20-foot intervals. Other than a few spots that fell between one-inch and eight-inches short of 22-feet, the remainder of the road measured 22-feet.

Trustee John McKinney asked Meyer, "Why are you attempting to facilitate this? I'm against this because they are not required to have 27-foot roads like everyone else is required to have ... There's not

site plan here. Why don't we just forget this?"

Meyer replied that she was bringing the issue back to the Board as a courtesy to the developer.

Trustee Nora Adkins then informed Meyer that according to Robert's Rules of Order that an issue should not be brought back to the Board until a Board member who had voted it down makes the request for it to reappear.

After more discussion, Trustee Jim Mason asked if it would be appropriate for the site plan to go back to the Planning Commission.

Attorney Richard James agreed that the Board could choose to do that.

The motion to send the site plan back to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation was carried with McKinney opposing the motion.

In other news:

• Michael Laurain was hired to fill the water meter reader vacancy.

• Meyer requested an amendment to the terminology used in Ordinance 96-11. The approved change replaces the term "tentative preliminary" to "conceptual."

• New fees were adopted for electrical, mechanical, and plumbing permits. The new fees become effective 30 days from the Board meeting.

• Meyer requested to deny Trail Creek Heights Condos the four permits they were requesting prior to receiving final approval was carried.

• Clerk Dawnette Bowers said no bids were received for the Chevy Astro Van and Chevy Caprice. Her motion to re-bid the vehicles was approved.

• At the request of Supervisor David Glaab, Burke Mitchell was appointed to the Local Development Finance Authority. According to the Supervisor, the only other applicant was Ray Schafran.

• The resignation of Catie Legg, Township filing clerk, was accepted and her position was refilled by Tessra Pomphrey.

• Meyer informed the Board that she is currently pursuing two grants. One would allow for landscaping and non-motorized improvements in the Township and the other would cover clean water initiatives for the Township.

• Meyer informed the Board that conclusions have been made by Mike Schermesser of Wayne County that "The [sewer] capacity that the Township has at this current time will be able to facilitate the needs we have currently. It will allow for the Pinnacle Project should it come to be ... as well as future development needs."

• Police Chief Metzger

informed the Board that he is currently conducting an internal audit of the police department to determine the department's needs.

• During public time Paul Moore informed that he met with the Chief of Police regarding his recent request for parking on Sibley Road and the Chief is currently doing a study of the road to determine its feasibility.

• The Supervisor offered a \$100 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for destroying the new welcome sign on Waltz Road.

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## MDA LOCK-UP

The Ford Technical Training Center was the Temporary Jail for the Muscular Dystrophy Lock-up on September 26. This is the second year Ford has donated this facility.

A big thank you to Fords. Kenneth Allen and Debra Vanderroot were the directors for the event and they anticipated having at least 14 prisoners participate during the event. The local convicts were expected to generate approximately \$6,000 in local pledges.

Mark your calendar for next year — maybe you, too, will want to do a little time for such a great cause.

The Huron Township Democratic Candidates wish to thank everyone who supported, assisted, and voted for them in the November 7 election. The citizens have spoken and their words will be heeded.



John Mitchell  
Nora Adkins  
Mary Lou Carey

Linda Dyer  
Larry O'Kelley  
Marlene Krause



# CONNECTOR ROAD REPORT NEARS COMPLETION

by KIMBERLY BLAKER

The Local Development Finance Authority met on November 2 anticipating approval of the final report on the West Road Connector. However, Brian Coyer of Knaggs, Harter, Brake, & Schneider was late for the meeting and to the annoyance of the Authority members, Coyer had not given them a draft of the report for review.

When Coyer arrived, he informed the Authority that the final version had a few changes from the previous version and that unless the Authority had additional comments, it would be considered the final version.

Coyer read to the Authority, "It's my conclusion here that the data that are available to the MDOT support building a connector road at West Road, whatever formulation that may take. This may not be consistent with the Township's policy but the MDOT has concluded on its own studies that West Road would be an appropriate alternative if a connector road is going to be built across southern Wayne County."

Coyer also explained, "If

there is any competition with the Pinnacle Project, the data still supports a connector at West Road."

Coyer reiterated that MDOT has approved a connector. However, MDOT also indicated that budgetary constraints are a significant roadblock. MDOT, along with the MDEQ and the Federal Highway Administration, indicate that an environmental impact study be done.

"If the Township chooses to move in this direction, it will be necessary to assist both of those agencies (MDOT and MDEQ) in

resolving whatever jurisdictional issues that they may have," Coyer explained.

Coyer also revealed that if the Township wishes to pursue the issue, "it isn't so much an engineering question. It really and truly is a matter of whether the Township wishes to express its voice in a clear and concentrated way to develop a policy on this question. The LDFA and the Township have the authority to make that policy that can result in the development of the connector project."

Coyer also remarked that the policy should articulate

the Township's economic or other interests. In addition, the Township should attempt to utilize LDFA resources to develop and implement the connector policy.

Supervisor David Glaab requested that more details be added to the report regarding public opinion because he did not want the report "to give the impression that the public is not being listened to."

Marge Whittemore of Wayne County also asked that the report include a definition of the connector or at least mention the various connector descriptions that were

used during the study.

Coyer pointed out that he had attempted to define the connector and said that the MDOT documents had described the connector in various ways in different documents. The three ways Coyer had seen were "a four-lane road," "a boulevard," and "no less than four lanes."

Burke Mitchell asked that the last survey also be included in the report, which Coyer didn't recall receiving.

Approval of the final report was tabled to the next meeting.

## St. John's Honor Roll

2000-01 First \* Quarter Honor Roll. \*denotes all A's.

First Grade: Paige Barden, Gabrielle Bianco, Joseph Coffee, Sierra Kroh\*, Trevor Mulready, Joseph Newbery, Bailey Nocella\*, Hailee Rensi, Emily Tarolli\*, Jozef Ziegler, Emily Bitzinger.

Second Grade: Natalie Bliss, Kent Krzyske\*, Devin Lyons, Brice Nocella, And-

rew Paolucci, Anita Taepke.

Third Grade: Hillary Broughton, Alexis Cole, Michael Cullen, Nicholas Genthner, Krystal Kuderik, Ryan McEachran, Shelby Otter\*, Zachary Richardson, Anthony Southorn, Jeremy Summitt.

Fourth Grade: Samantha Beh, Daniel Bernard, Kayleigh Burden, Madison Fox, Richard Genthner, Codie Gro-

ver, Brian Murphy\*, Michael Tarolli\*.

Fifth Grade: Brandon Cutcher\*, Jonathon Guy, Chris Heineman\*, Amanda Konarske, Kaitlyn McEachran, George Salajan, Michael Solano\*.

Sixth Grade: Dayna Bernard, Melissa Heil\*, Jackie Keeler\*, Daniel Krzyske, Kyle Lenderman, David Main, Megan Mullins.

Seventh Grade: Lanny Fox, Alison Konarske, William Petraska, Matthew Puchalsky.

Eighth Grade: Bradlee Bellinger, Ryan Cook, Christopher Cutcher, Joshua Davis\*, Nathan Falkenberg, Neil Krzyske\*, Nathan McCormick, RoseAnn Salajan.



## THANK YOU!

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Mere words cannot describe how humbled I feel that you have entrusted me to continue to serve you as your Township Treasurer. I will endeavor always to live up to your expectations, to bring professionalism to the job, and to bring responsive representation to the people of Huron Township.

To those of you who supported our efforts in the recent election, and especially those who assisted, I wish to extend my most heartfelt gratitude. Without your help, we could never have accomplished this. To those of you who did not support me, I wish to let you know that I respect your decision and hope that you will be satisfied with my service.

I pledge to treat everyone with dignity and respect and to work with all people to move our community forward in a positive direction. Thank you for your faith in me, and thank you for the opportunity to continue serving. I will do my best to lead with honor.

Very truly yours,

Jarrod Barron  
Huron Township Treasurer



# POOR MAN'S DINNER A SUCCESS

On November 1, St. Stephen's Church held its Poor Man's Continental Dinner and it was well attended. Only 200 tickets at \$75 each were available to support the Ushers efforts to raise funds. The prizes were \$2,000 first place, \$500 second place and every fifth ticket received \$50.

While they came just short

of selling 200 tickets, the turnout was great and a virtual "Who's Who" of Huron Township.

To determine the winners, the tickets were placed in a spinning drum and all the names of the ticket bearers were placed on a large board.

The winning ticket was picked first and placed on

the wall and only unsealed when all the other tickets had been drawn.

Three of the ticket holders represented the O'Kelley family. Larry and his daughters Jennifer and Melinda represented the family. Jennifer's ticket went out about half way through the drawing but Larry's remained until their were only five.

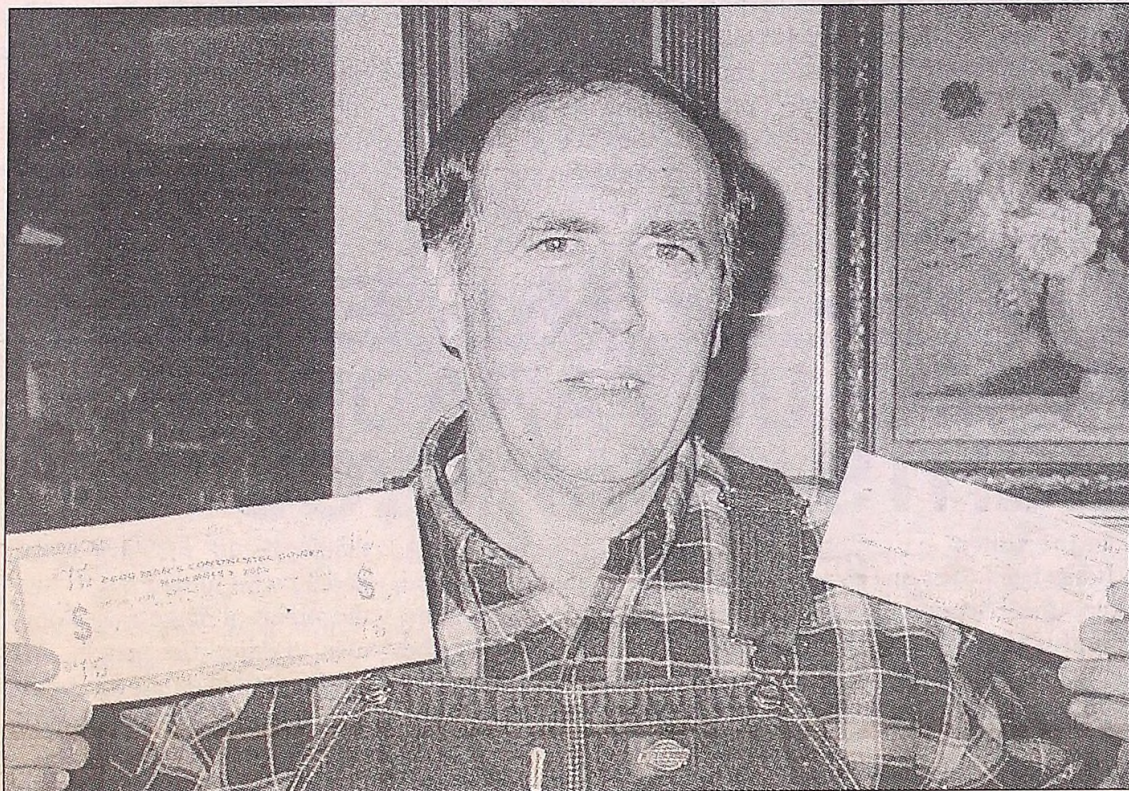
As Larry put it, "I came in my lucky Bibs as a poor man and I was prepared to leave as a poor man." However, he garnered the top prize when only his name remained pinned on the wall.

Larry gave his daughters Melinda and Jennifer \$250 and the rest to his lovely wife Margaret. As he put it, "This

was a thank you for all the hard work my daughters put in the campaign and the rest to Maggie for putting up with all the nonsense."

Marty Glinski was the \$500 second place winner.

With the great turnout, it looks like the Poor Man's Dinner will continue to be an annual event.



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## In Loving Memory

Fredrick Francis Ashby, 66, of Lynn Haven, Florida, formerly of Willow, Michigan, died October 28, 2000 at Mercy Memorial Hospital, Monroe.

Funeral services were held on November 1 with The Rev. Beth A. Librande from Willow United Methodist Church officiating. Entombment was in Michigan Memorial Park, Huron Township.

Born April 19, 1934, in Willow, he was the son of Thomas Edward Ashby and Mary Nieman, who preceded him in death. He married Betty Joan VanMeer on May 1, 1956, at Willow Methodist Church.

Mr. Ashby was an auxiliary policeman for Huron Township from 1962 to 1963. He was a regular peace officer from 1965 to 1982. From 1982 until 1992, he was a Huron Township trustee, a member of the township Zoning Board of Appeals and a police commissioner. Mr. Ashby took a medical retirement in 1992 after 30 years as a police officer for the D.T. & I.-G.T.W. Railroad, and moved to his current home with his beloved wife Betty, in

Lynn Haven, Florida. He lived in Huron Township for over 60 years. He was a member of Willow Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife Betty Ashby of Lynn Haven; two daughters Kathleen (Edward) Martin of Monroe, and Betty (Richard) Mancos of Lynn Haven; a son Fredrick F. (Denise) Ashby II of Willow, two sisters Marcella Jenkins of Monroe, and Thomasina Clark of Flat Rock; 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren Richard and Theresa Ashby, Jeremy, Richie and Matthew of Newport, Dianna and Rocky Rocca, Mike and Adam of Kawkawlin, MI, Marc and Marsha Ellis, Brittany and Jessie of Monroe, Joseph and Jamie Ellis, Jacob and Jo Jo Dakota of Monroe, Kristen and Michelle Ashby, Jason and Josh Cooley of New Boston, Melissa, Richard and Kaylyn Mancos of Lynn Haven.

He is preceded in death by one brother Harold, three sisters Margaret, Marie and Gladys.

Memorials may be made to Willow Methodist Church or Shriners Hospital.

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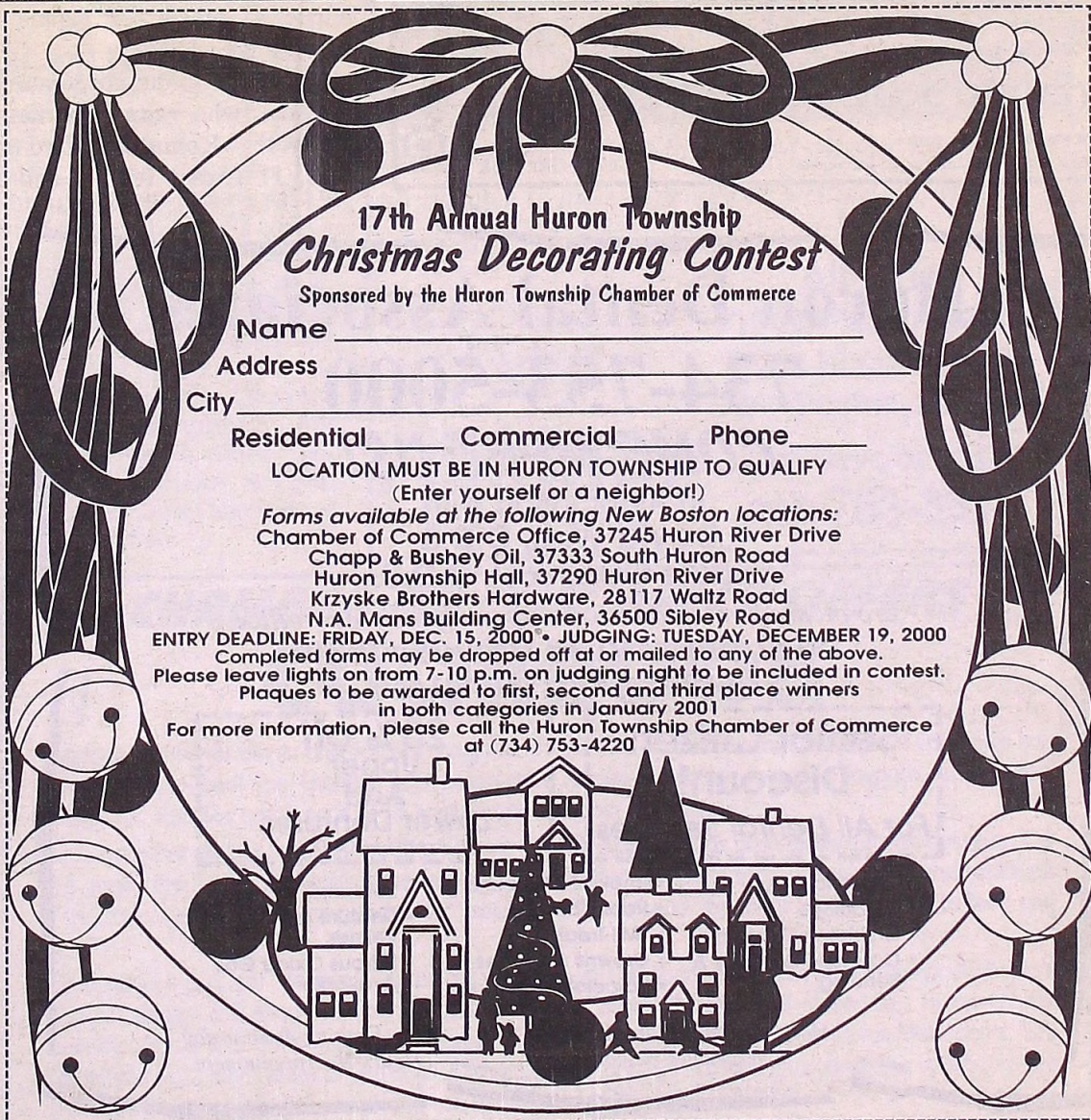
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# HURON SOCCER A GREAT SUCCESS

by SHELLY BERGMOOSER

The new Huron Soccer Administration proved to be a most rewarding program to all participants. The founders of Huron Soccer, Shelly Bergmooser and Joe Pavilanis had the experience and energy needed to get a great new league off the ground. (Chris Fulton is also due credit for his initial efforts.) It started the last of August and wrapped up October 28, 2000.

So many wonderful people helped to make this first season the success that it was! For a quick profile, there were

120 players, 32 coaches, a dozen referees, six first and second grade teams, four third-six grade teams, nine games, three fields, take home uniforms, rewarding trophies, MNM Photographics, and oodles of fans.

In the early days of practice it was evident that most of the players had never played soccer prior to this and the coaches had never posed as a spectator at a soccer game. However, this program was inducted as a learning league and that's exactly what it was. The season's end brought

very impressive games to the attendants at all levels.

The parents who stepped up to coach had a great time and developed a knowledgeable sense of the game. The children were well trained and given the positive praise needed to promote a love for the sport and desire to play on a team. The slow swarms of bumble bee soccer transformed into well-strategized offensive-defensive matches.

We need to express our gratitude to the Huron School District for their support of this league. Mr. Dorn and Mr. Hosler were very accepting of

the idea and allowed our fields to be on school grounds. Miller Elementary opened their media center to us for our registrations. HAA was helpful in our use of their concession lavatories. Brown Elementary graciously offered their new soccer fields for our use. Chapp & Bushey also backed H.S.A. with the use of their billboard and copy machine. The Huron Rotary showed interest in our new program and its positive impact on the kids in the community. New Boston Candle Company donated to all the volunteers. Gratitude to all

the parties who helped us out and were not mentioned.

Huron Soccer has ambitions to run a Spring season as well as the Fall. We have a running list of persons wanting to become a part of this league and that's what it takes to make a successful program. We would like to open this up to the kindergarten level and to create a travel team as well.

We hope you consider getting involved. Keep in tune for future forthcoming information. Three cheers for Huron Soccer!

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## Letter to the Editor

### ROMULUS PARADE OF LIGHTS "THANK YOU"

To the Editor:

It has been over one month since the Second Annual Romulus Parade of Lights and we have finally settled back into our regular routine. Now it is time to say "Thank You!" to all of those who helped to make our parade such a huge success!

Thanks go to our corporate sponsors, who were Osborne Concrete, Romulus Hardware, JT Crova Towing and

The Landing Strip Lounge. A tremendous thanks goes to the many, many volunteers who assisted on the night of the parade, as well as the Romulus Boys and Girls Club for the after-parade refreshments offered at the Romulus Progressive Hall. Also, a special thank you to all of the imaginative and hardworking individuals and groups who had entries in this year's parade!

Lastly, we would like to

thank all of the wonderful people who turned out to line the streets of downtown Romulus to enjoy the parade. All of the smiles along the route truly made this a "Parade of Lights."

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# INTRODUCING TOWNSHIP'S CHIEF OF POLICE

by KIMBERLY BLAKER

Huron Township's new Chief of Police, Robert Metzger, is now well into the swing with his new position. In the department for nearly two months, Chief Metzger has been assessing the department needs and is now looking forward to meeting with community members.

In an interview with Metzger, he expressed that some of the aspects of his positions he enjoys most are "the operations of a police department and changing operations to meet the needs of a community."

Metzger explained, "I'm very much a change agent. Other departments I've gone into have made a significant change, and I've been able to do that. Getting the officers to rally around and really help with that change has been, believe it or not, an exciting part of it... Being able to come in and make a positive impact on both the community and the police department is something I thoroughly enjoy."

Some internal changes have already taken place in the Huron Police Department since Metzger began, such as redefining of lieutenant's positions and reassigning their duties.

Metzger also explained that with the recent millage that passed, the department would now have more money to work with in order to meet the Township's needs. However, Metzger expressed a strong interest in getting input from both the department and the community as to what they feel the needs may be.

Metzger revealed, "Basically in about four to five years from now, the department won't look anything like it looks today." However, how it will look Metzger is unsure. He continued, "Because one thing I don't want to do is bring in my past experiences and say I'm going to make this look like Saginaw or Adrian or Zeeland. I want to make it look like Huron..."

Metzger's educational background includes a bachelor degree from Saginaw Valley State, a master degree from the University of Detroit, a graduate of Northwest School of

Police Staff Command through Eastern Michigan University, and a graduate of the FBI National Academy.



Metzger's career began in 1975 as a patrol officer in Saginaw Township, where he eventually worked as a detective for nine years. During his years in Saginaw, Metzger was involved with the SWAT team and later became a patrol supervisor.

Then Metzger moved on to Zeeland where he was hired as Chief of Police. After five years in Zeeland, he was offered the position of Chief of Police in Adrian, where he has worked and resided for the three years before taking the recent position as Huron Township Chief of Police.

Metzger also enjoys teaching, a side job he has held since 1992. Metzger has taught at Grand Valley State University and Jackson Community College. Currently, because of the distance to these institutions, he is not teaching. However, Metzger hopes for an opportunity to teach at a nearby school such as Schoolcraft Community College.

Metzger was born and raised in Saginaw where he met his wife Linda. The Metzgers, married for 28 years, have two sons Jason, 25, and Derek, 21. They also have a one-year-old grandson, Bryce, who the Chief especially enjoys spending time with.

In his spare time, Metzger enjoys many hobbies including golf, woodworking, and stained glass. In Metzger's new office window hangs one of his creations, a stained glass patrol car.

The Metzgers also have a

place on a lake south of Grand Rapids where they enjoy boating.

The Metzgers home in Adrian is currently up for sale. Chief Metzger said he hopes to have a home in Huron Township by the first of the new year.

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## THE CRAFT SHOW MUST GO ON

Local crafters band together to save two scheduled "hand made" craft shows at Southgate's Crystal Gardens.

The November and December events, featuring an average of 60 to 70 crafters, were canceled due to a dispute and subsequent dissolved partnership by the event promoter. Crafters, who had paid in advance for display space, were left without events to showcase their wares and little hope of a refund.

Recently, two of those unlucky crafters decided to fight for their art by banding together to save the Crystal Garden shows. Carol Morrison of Rochester Hills and Bob Makowski of Carleton, the new self-proclaimed promoters, have invested a substantial amount of their time and money to ensure that the show does go on.

Thanks to this crafty duo, Southgate will retain its "hand made" craft show featuring seasonal items such as ceramics, candles, jewelry, clothing, wood pieces, and much more. The next "Crafted Treasures" event, renamed by the show's

new promoters, is scheduled for November 12 at Southgate's Crystal Gardens. The show runs from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.; there will be a \$2 admission fee at the door. Patrons are encouraged to browse, mingle, buy, and participate in the raffle going on throughout the day.

Display space is still available for local crafters. For more information please contact Carol Morrison at (248) 651-9264 or Bob Makowski at (248) 394-0546.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFERS COOKBOOK

Company coming for dinner and you need a good recipe? The Huron Township Chamber of Commerce has just what you need! The Chamber has prepared a unique cookbook featuring favorite recipes from employees, families and friends of 13 contributing Chamber businesses.

There are great recipes for every meal, breakfast through dinner, soups and salads through desserts. The 126 pages are fun to read also, since recipes are identified as submitted by employees and residents of the Township. There's even a recipe for "treats" for "Rover" and "Elephant Stew" enough to feed and army!

This cookbook is a real "Keeper." Copies are available at Chamber businesses including: Apple Charlie's Orchard, Chapp & Bushey Oil Co., Chapp's Landing, Country Pantry, Ford Motor Co., Huron Charter Township, Huron Sod Farms, Individual Financial Planning, Krzyske Brothers, Lower Huron Metroparks, N.A. Mans Building Center, National City Bank, Old Kent Bank, and Richardson Decorating. The cookbooks are \$10 each. For more information, please call the Chamber Offices at 753-4220.



# BROWN PRINCIPAL ATTENDS CONFERENCE

I recently attended NCA conference in Lansing and visited one session pertaining to the progress American

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• The percentage of students taking higher-level math and science sources is up significantly.

• More students with disabilities are being successfully educated in regular classrooms.

• Math scores are up as measured by the NEAP (National Assessment of Education Progress).

• Student science achievement is improving.

• SAT scores are up even though the tests are harder

and more students take them every year.

• ACT scores are up, too.

• The number of students taking Advanced Placement Exams has tripled.

• School crime is down by almost 33-percent.


• Public school teachers are very well educated.

• Public school teachers have literacy levels comparable to engineers, physicians and professional writers.

• 15-percent more students are headed for higher education than in 1983.

I thought you might enjoy reading this news. There is more information available from the Center on Educational Policy in Washington, D.C. or on the world wide web at [www.ctredpol.org](http://www.ctredpol.org).

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## Maggie's Musings



Margaret O'Kelley

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# ELECTION

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seemed to be a perception that some of the candidates were glossing over the problem with terms like "quality development" and "open spaces." There also seemed to be a perception among some voters that several board members were discouraging a free expression of opinions. Some citizens felt they were attempting to apply different rules to different people during public participation at public meetings.

There also seemed to be a growing sentiment in the community that special interests and big campaign war chests were contrary to our community values. Regardless of the reasons, the citizens, in large numbers, turned to other people to lead them in the next four years.

John Mitchell, the Democratic candidate for Supervisor, scored a clear victory over his opponent the incumbent Republican Supervisor David Glaab. The vote total was 3,324 for Mitchell and 2,230 for Glaab. The margin of victory was 1,094 votes indicating this was not an upset but a clear well-earned victory. It is difficult to remember in our Township when a ballot candidate for Supervisor ever lost by those kind of numbers.

Considering the vote total for Supervisor and comparing them to the presidential results (Gore 3,053 and Bush 2,602) it is clear that many Republicans voted for their party's choice for president and then went Democratic for their local races.

The race for Treasurer was a little closer with incumbent Republican Jarrod Barron holding onto his seat by 227 votes. The Democratic challenger Linda Dyer had made a strong showing in the Democratic Primary and seemed to have a good chance of winning in November. However, it appears that Barron changed his tactics after the primary and began to be more aggressive on the board and began to question things rather than simply following the direction of a few board members.

He made a startling reversal when he supported going back to having two board meetings a month. He had previously supported the one meeting a month that proved to be very unpopular with the citizens.

His populist views on com-

munication and concerns over fast growth in the Township seemed to sway enough votes to his side and he retained his position on the board. The final vote tally was Barron 2,849, Dyer 2,622.

Perhaps the most telling of all the races was for the Trustee spots. Traditionally, the Trustees tend to accurately reflect the mood of the people. This year there were ten candidates running to serve on four seats. There were four Republicans, two write-in candidates that aligned themselves with the Republicans and four Democrats. In order to truly understand the will of the people you really only needed to look at the Trustee races.

In those races, Democratic incumbent Nora Adkins was clearly the top in the field with an impressive vote total of 3,091. She and fellow Democratic candidate Larry O'Kelley each garnered over 3,000 votes and that was a new record.

Nora, who came in fourth in the primary, made a strong recovery by remaining a strong voice on the Township Board and questioning the tactics and the decisions of the board. Apparently her actions impressed the voters and they may have wanted her to have some help in the next four years.

Perhaps this is why they turned to Democratic candidate Larry O'Kelley who gar-

nered an almost equally impressive 3,039 votes. Nora and he placed well in almost all of the precincts. O'Kelley seemed to do well in the election because the voters were impressed with his stands on maintaining our country setting, ethics in government and communication.

Coming in third was Democrat Mary Lou Carey with a vote total of 2,820. She campaigned on trust and integrity and seemed to strike a responsive cord with the citizens.

Coming in a strong fourth was newcomer Democrat Mar-

lene Krause with a vote total of 2,771. Marlene, a retired Township employee, seemed to most voters to be a good choice over the remaining candidates and they rewarded her years of public service with a position on the Township Board.

Trailing the fourth-place candidate by a huge 475 voters was incumbent Republican candidate Mike Glaab. His vote total was 2,296 and a complete turnaround from four years ago when he dominated the Trustee race.

Following the defeated Mike Glaab came Republican Jerry

Reynolds with 1,921 votes. Long-time resident and well-known Waltz resident Shirley Burgess was on the ballot as a Republican candidate. Although she had earlier withdrew from the race for health reasons, she came in next with a total of 1,589 votes. Republican Len Straub trailed everybody with a vote total of 1,379 votes. The two write-in candidates, who distributed a lot of literature and put up signs were Royal Lilly with 565 votes and Jim Mason with 310 votes. Laura Nelson, who was a write-in for Clerk, received 143 votes.

## ELECTION RESULTS

	PCT 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	AV	TOTAL
<b>SUPERVISOR</b>											
John Mitchell (D)	224	486	413	269	226	263	161	282	315	645	3,324
David Glaab (R)	193	325	334	280	187	162	109	149	136	355	2,230
<b>CLERK</b>											
Dawnette Bowers (D)	298	561	501	385	304	301	183	365	351	742	3,991
Write-In Laura Nelson											143
<b>TREASURER</b>											
Jarrod Barron (R)	242	376	406	331	231	216	152	140	153	602	2,849
Linda Dyer (D)	158	414	321	209	214	202	115	291	295	403	2,622
<b>TRUSTEE</b>											
Nora Adkins (D)	209	476	376	252	243	238	129	301	293	574	3,091
Larry L. O'Kelley (D)	206	441	338	284	278	249	140	269	268	566	3,039
MaryLou Carey (D)	182	406	333	232	221	244	144	263	268	527	2,820
Marlene Krause (D)	209	397	305	228	190	230	138	265	255	554	2,771
Mike Glaab (R)	206	326	354	272	199	154	110	136	143	396	2,296
Jerry Reynolds (R)	167	269	293	212	160	130	96	105	110	379	1,921
Shirley Burgess (R)	111	209	259	172	126	115	78	118	144	257	1,589
Les Straub (R)	77	187	214	150	109	103	75	102	114	248	1,379
Write In Royal Lilly											565
Write In James Mason											310



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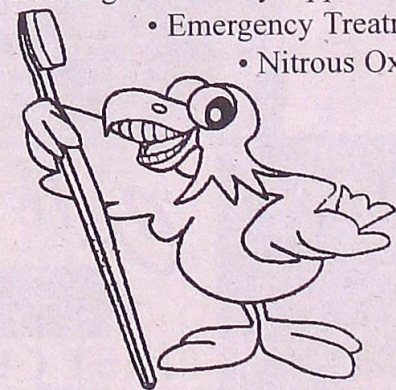
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## Your Cosmic Link For The Week Of November 16th thru November 22nd

### Scorpio October 24 - November 22

Shovel in hand? Better be! Plans change rapidly as weather changes. Ponder future as country tries to figure out best results. Time to pack bag! Take a trip. Or go buy turkey! Lucky #117.

### Sagittarius November 23 - December 21

A party for what? That's what others want to know. Spouse usually happy these days? Are you the turkey

frozen in freezer? Look in garage for snow shovel. Fine before too late. Dig deep, may find truth. Lucky #125.

### Capricorn December 22 - January 20

Is it you again? Feeling guilty because you didn't vote? Opinion spoken needs to be put on paper. Seal windows with plastic. Old breeze foretell of future. Watch out for slippery roads and fellow workers. Stand anchored on firm ground. Lucky #101.

### Aquarius January 21 - February 19

Ever wonder why? Ever wonder? Think of days to come when travel to southern warmth. Spouse anxious to go! Children quiet these days. Must feel unusual. Time for soul searching as watch snow flakes fall. Lucky #119.

### Pisces February 20 - March 20

Too confused? Take a poll. Just make sure it's the right one. Company in house as you pack to leave or did all plans get cancelled? Wishful thinking anyway! Find yourself asking too many questions, no answers to be found. Lucky #311.

### Aries March 21 - April 20

Snow!! Wait a while before clean skies. But not too long! Icy travel in future? Best take skates. Ask spouse to shovel this time. Teenagers, too!

Look to book to answer questions. Best not to rely on memory! Lucky #403.

### Taurus April 21 - May 21

Like a great prize fighter. You go down and find yourself unable to get up. All those lies proven so. Remember the apple never falls far from the tree. In some cases remain attached. It's not about control, but caring. Lucky #506.

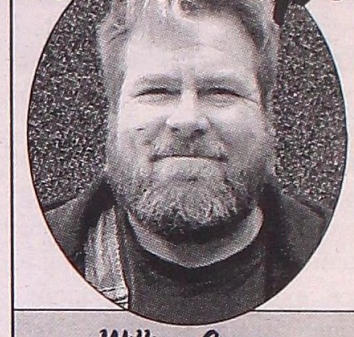
### Gemini May 22 - June 21

Cold still has you down? Is it time to cancel plans? Spouse hopes so! Children everywhere, delight you. Laughter of namesake contagious. Is future secure? Is country? Doors lock tight? Wait and watch. Lucky #603.

### Cancer June 22 - July 23

What can we do to help? Those are the words you are

## Horoscope



William Grover

anxious to hear. Some refuse. Others jump right in. But outcome depends on you. Watch clouds darken the skies. Is snow on the way? Have you raked the leaves yet? Do you care? Lucky #771.

### Leo July 24 - August 23

Just another day to you! Same routine, or did you find the right letters to the puzzle? Who is it anyway that all eyes watch? Look out window. Snow falling? Think positive thoughts as holidays approach. All remember. Lucky #729.

### Virgo August 24 - September 23

Sigh of relief. Time to settle mind. Look to future and need to keep warm. Small children everywhere. Is one on the way? Or is that your goose? Was your vote counted? Then don't complain. Lucky #813.

### Libra September 24 - October 23

All eyes on you? Feels like horror flick. Continue to give best answer known. Watch for those who try to sway your thoughts. Remember snow is only cold rain. Don't slip on the ice. Check brakes. Use. Lucky #922.

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# ANNIVERSARY

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School and Township boards. We were somewhat amused by the so called local pundits that were certain we were out to get a certain politician only to change their mind and declare we were out to get a different politician.

Through it all we simply reported what they said and did and as we put it, "we don't make the news we report it."

We pledged to cover community events and spread the good word about the organizations that make our Township great. Whenever we could we provided these organizations free space for their fundraisers.

We pledged to cover the social events and we devoted a large portion of our paper to the good things that were happening in people's lives. We printed the good stuff and minimized the bad stuff. We tried to leave that kind of news for the other papers.

We did have an editorial opinion called *Reflections from the River — Our View*. However, we rarely used it. Mostly, we used it to pay tribute to good people that left us in life. We will continue to show great restraint in expressing our opinions because we prefer that the events speak for themselves.

For those few that think our news reporting is biased, we suspect there is an element of truth in that view. We suspect that we are a little biased because all newspapers are biased in some form or another. Those that report the news indirectly express their outlook on life and their own life experiences. It is a human quality that we cannot avoid.

However, for the most part we simply expressed the words and views of those being reported. It is

their own words and actions that spoke the loudest.

As far as the other aspects of our paper, we humbly admit the most popular portions of our paper are the *Horoscopes* written by Bill Grover, *Al Fresco* by Georgette Willoughby and *Maggie's Musings* by our editor Margaret O'Kelley. Larry's *Sho Nuff* comes in fourth and that's just fine by him.

We took on a new reporter earlier this year and she has worked out just fine. Kimberly Blaker has shown a talent for this writing business and we hope she hangs around for a long time. All *Huron River Weekly* associates are local residents. All but one reside in Huron Township.

To our advertisers we express our gratitude for your support. We have some advertisers that have been with us from the beginning and we pledge to maintain a high quality newspaper so you can reach out to as many patrons as possible.

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# APPLE CHARLIE

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The winners of the costume contest were Kalie Calhoun first with Jasmine Dedrick, Jacob Richert, Elizabeth Richert, Destyni McKinney, Chelsea Thornsberry and Kalob participating.

The winners of the talent contest are as follows: Age six to nine vocal, Katie Schuren first and Alison Blankenbeckly second. Age 10 to 13 vocal, Lynsey Burzycki first, Maria Taliafarro second, a tie for this Anastasia Murphy and Ashliegh Robbins, with Birtany Coles, Jessica Wells, Codie Grover, Ashley Blankenbeckly, Charlotte Chrisher, Jessica Blankenship and Daneen Nielsen participating. Age 14 to 18 vocal, Krystina and Step (a duet) first. Age 18-plus Debbie Taylor first, Christine Calhoun second, and Jenny Gassman and Nancy Scheuren tied for third. Age six to nine movement, Elizabeth Lewis first. Age 10 to 13 movement, Della Hamby first, Jamie Gibes second, and Krystal Haman third. Age 18-

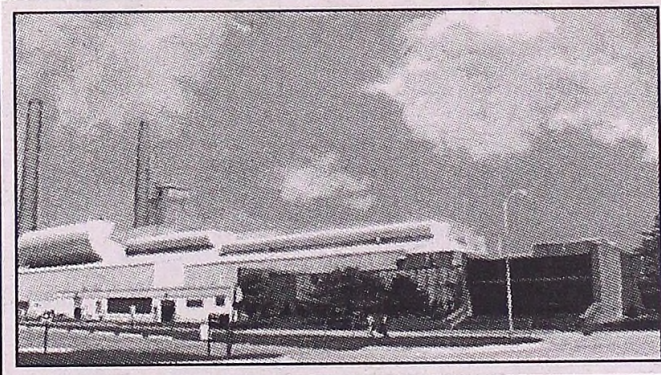
plus movement, Melinda Shearrer first. There was a tie for overall winner in vocal with Lynsey Burzycki and Debbie Taylor. The overall winner in movement was Della Hamby.

Our congratulations and best wishes to all the winners and participants. Hope to see all of you there again next year.

A special thank you to the judges, tabulators, media people, and back-stage helpers: Mary Lou Carey, Teresa Lewis, Brenda Bressler, Teresa Hinzmann, Sue Hurt, Georgette Willoughby, and Larry O'Kelley.

This event was co-sponsored by South Huron Orchards and *The Huron River Weekly* and be sure to watch it on our local cable Channel 18.

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